

# **ANIMAL FOSTER**

## **Why do we need fosters?**

- Age – some animals are too young or too old to immediately go onto the adoption floor
- Behavior – need confidence or better manners to be adoptable
- Medical – need to recover from an illness or injury
- Abuse – involved in a domestic abuse case (not doing this today)
- Increases our capacity to save lives – every animal in a foster home frees kennel space in the shelter for other animals
- Makes the animal more adoptable because we know it better

## **Duties**

- Short term or long term care of animals in your home
- Provide a loving, structured environment for the dog or cat
- Provide information about the animal to help us market it better
- Must be willing to meet potential adopters and introduce the foster
- Must agree to attend off site adoption events when requested & able
- Must be able and willing to provide minor medical care when needed

## **Qualifications**

- Ability to work independently
- Must represent the shelter in a professional manner
- Must be dog or cat experienced and/or willing to learn

## **Training**

- Attend orientation class(es) as required by WCAC/AC
- Participate in meetings or training when requested

## **Commitment**

- Must sign and adhere to a Volunteer Foster Agreement
- Must be willing to place your name on a willing-to-foster list which we will utilize when the need arises
- Please notify WCAC/AC if you are no longer able to foster

## **Supervision**

- WCAC/AC staff